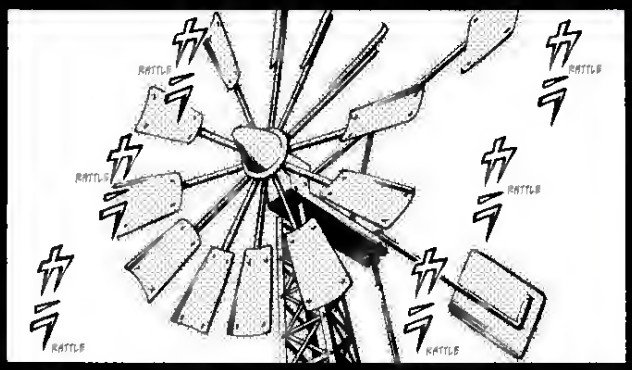
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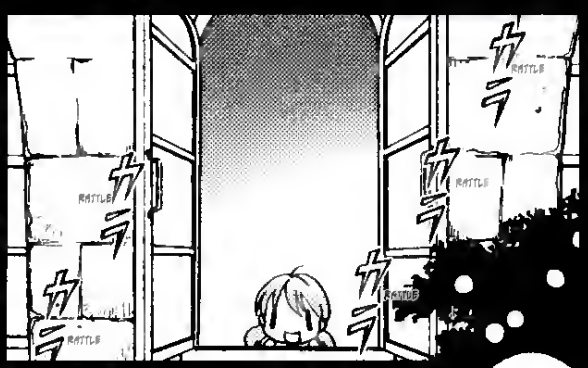
Your windmill is spinning round and around
Amazing, Mother !!


カラ RATTLE

Mother, are you all right !?
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And you made it with "alchemy" ?
Will I be able to use "alchemy" like you
Of course, Escha
When you grow up a little more, I will teach you

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Mother
What's beyond the sky?
Beyond there, there lives a goddess
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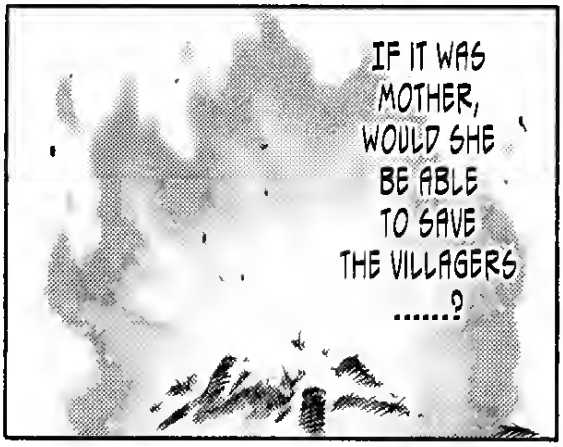
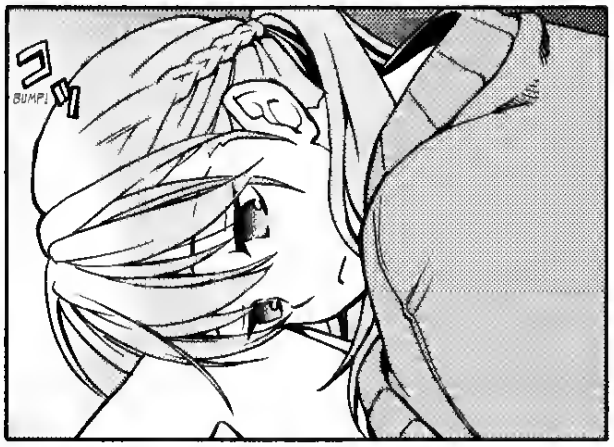
A DREAM?


IF IT WAS MOTHER, WOULD SHE BE ABLE TO SAVE THE VILLAGERS .....?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BUMP!

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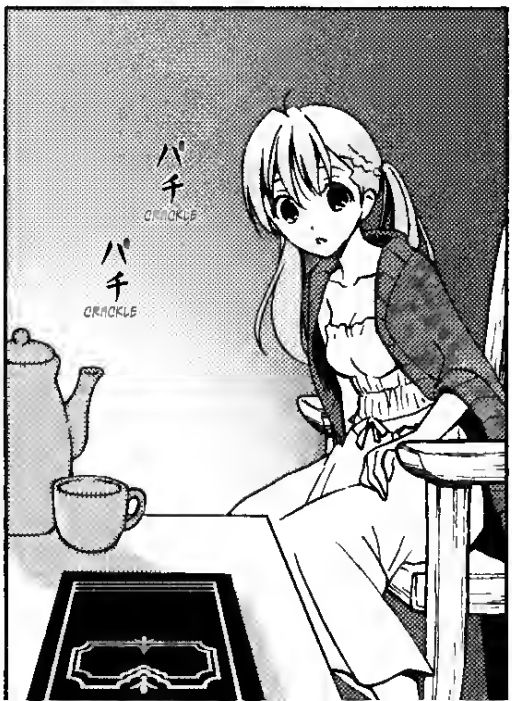
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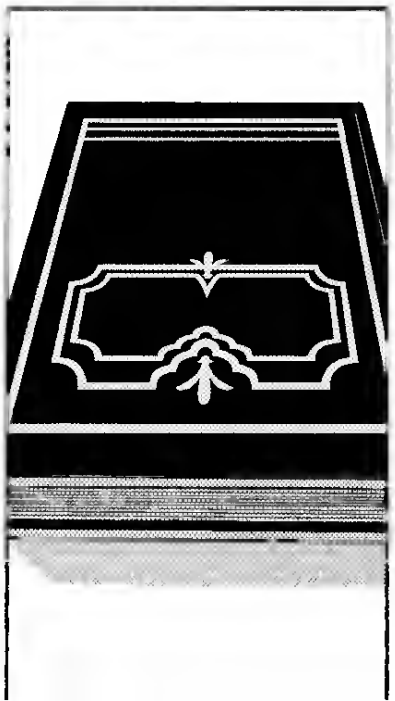
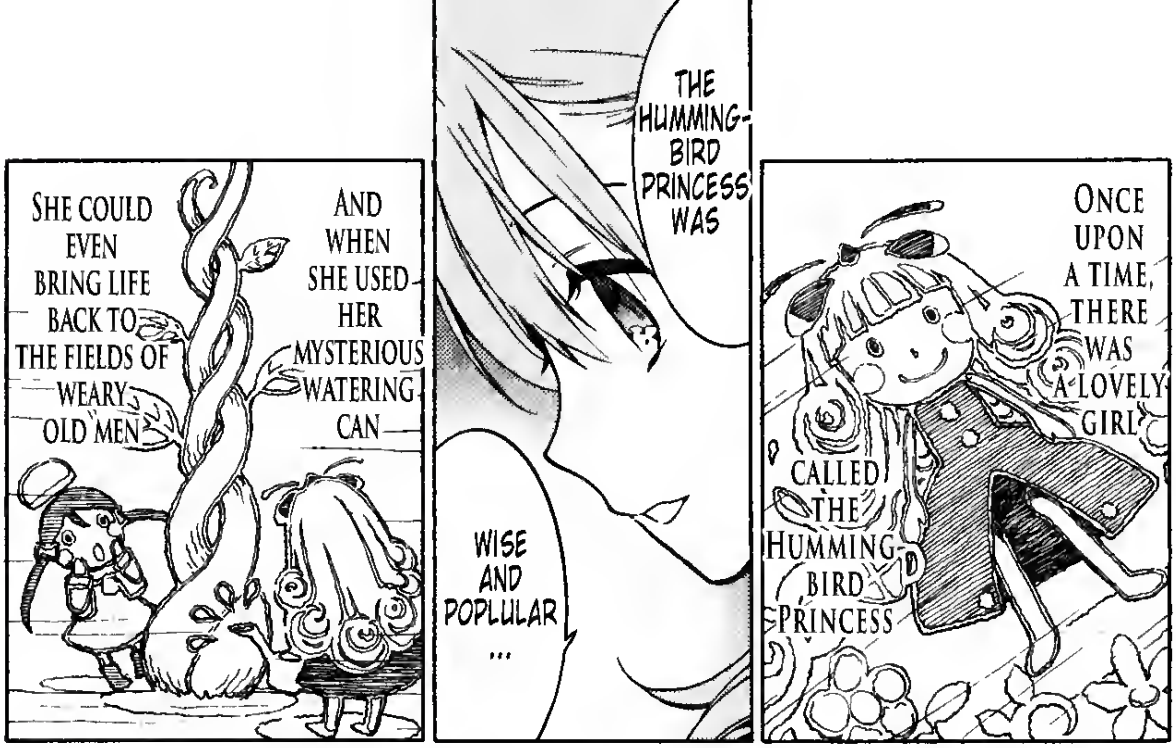
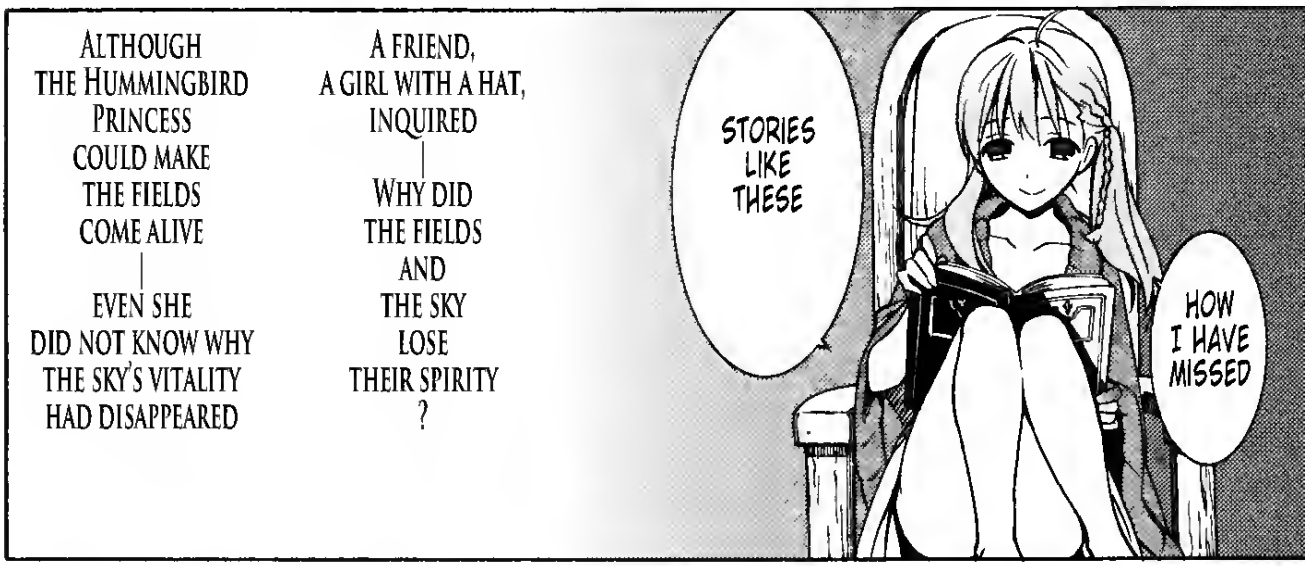
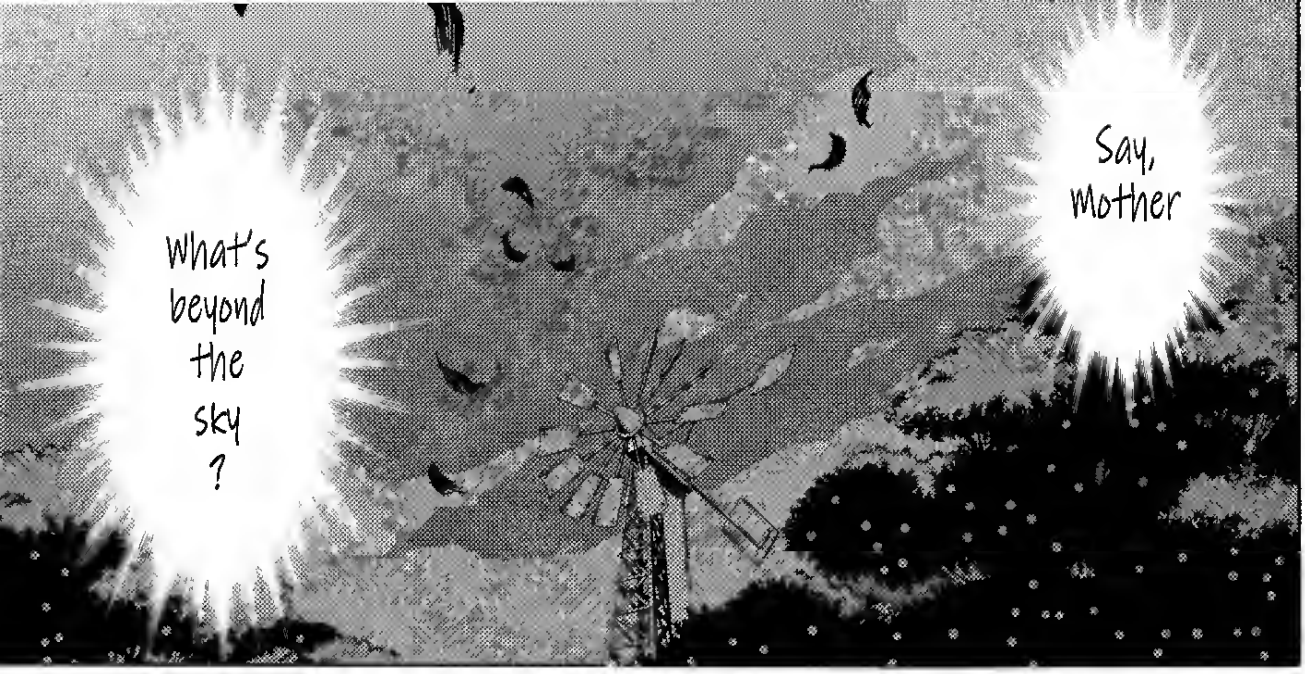



ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS A LOVELY GIRL
CALLED THE HUMMING-BIRD PRINCESS
THE HUMMING-BIRD PRINCESS WAS
WISE AND POPLULAR ...
AND WHEN SHE USED HER MYSTERIOUS WATERING CAN
SHE COULD EVEN BRING LIFE BACK TO THE FIELDS OF WEARY OLD MEN

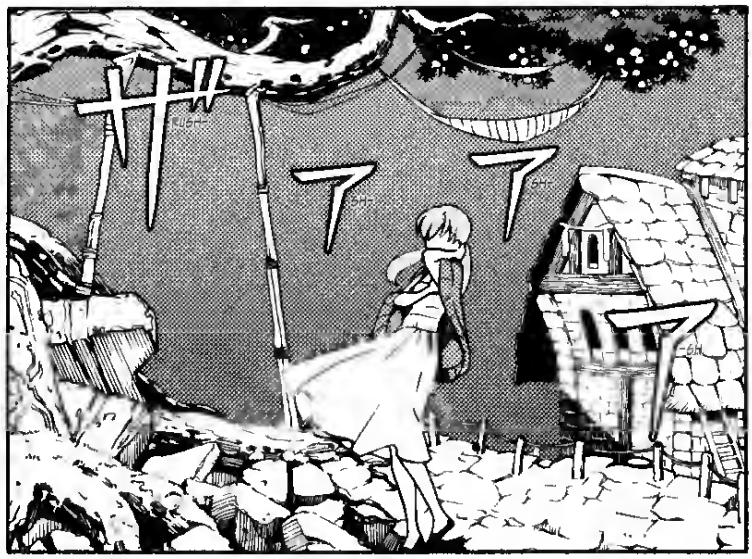

HOW I HAVE MISSED
STORIES LIKE THESE
A FRIEND, A GIRL WITH A HAT, INQUIRED
WHY DID THE FIELDS AND THE SKY LOSE THEIR SPIRITY ?
ALTHOUGH THE HUMMINGBIRD PRINCESS COULD MAKE THE FIELDS COME ALIVE
EVEN SHE DID NOT KNOW WHY THE SKY'S VITALITY HAD DISAPPEARED

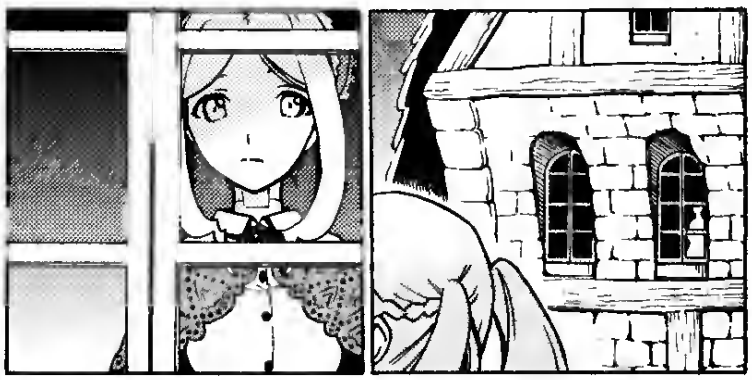
WAS WRITTEN ON
EVERY-THING ABOUT THE FAR AWAY SKY

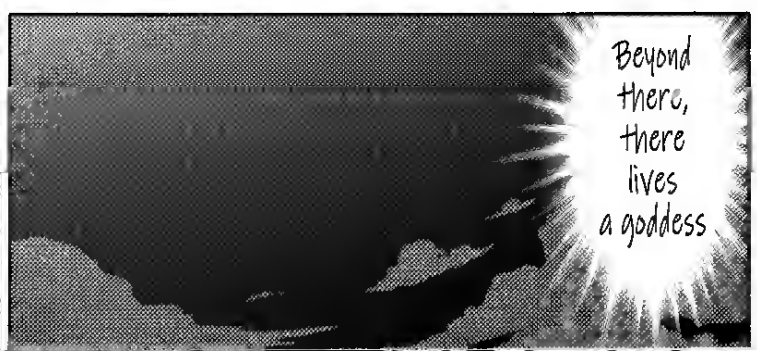
AND SO, THE HUMMINGBIRD PRINCESS STARTED ON A JOURNEY
SEARCHING FOR THE BOOK WHERE ...


Say, Mother
What's beyond the sky?

IF ...
THE TWO STORIES THAT I THOUGHT WERE FAIRY TALES UP TO NOW, ARE TRUE
THEN, THE PLACE WHERE THE HUMMINGBIRD PRINCESS TRAVELED TO —



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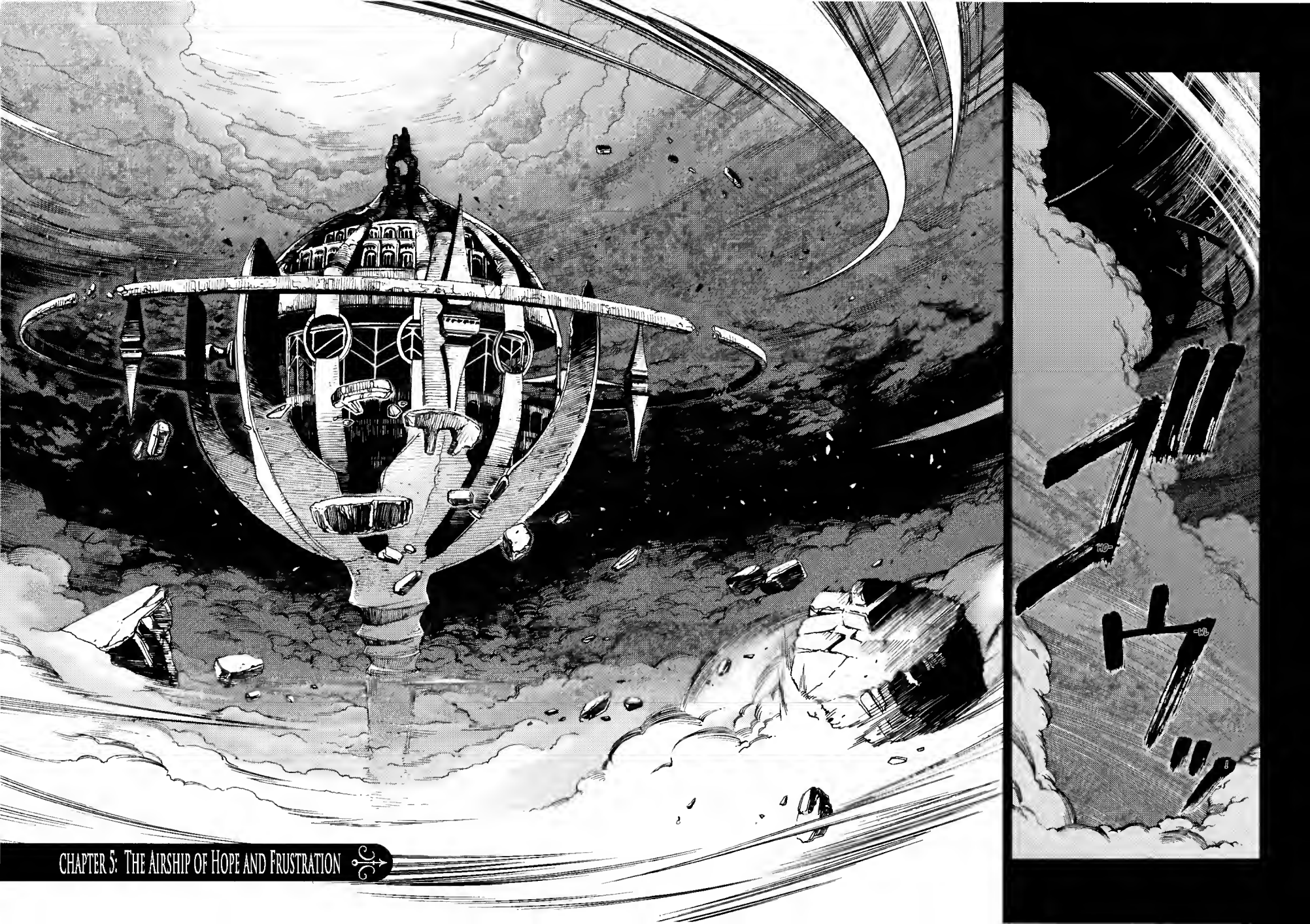
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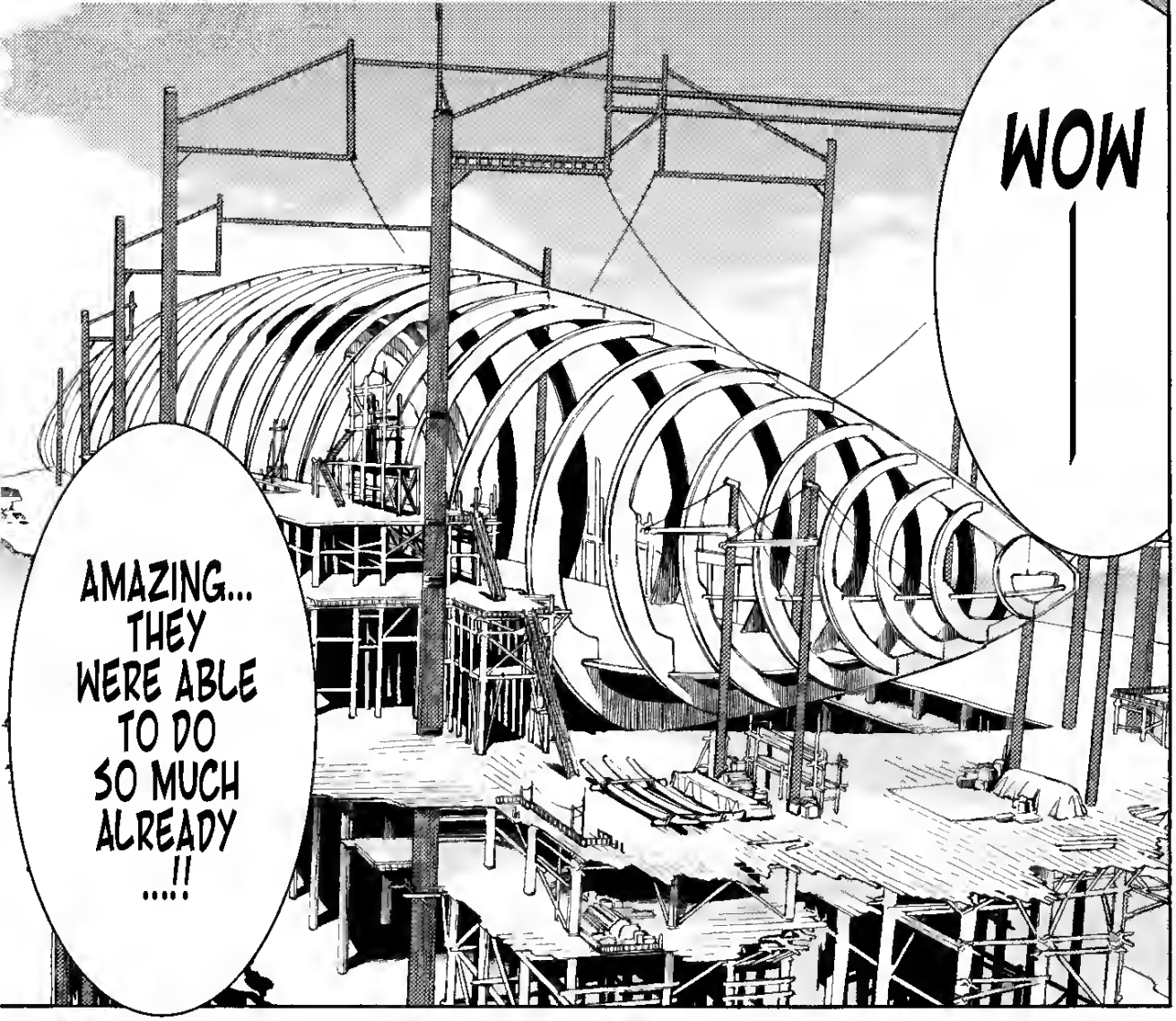
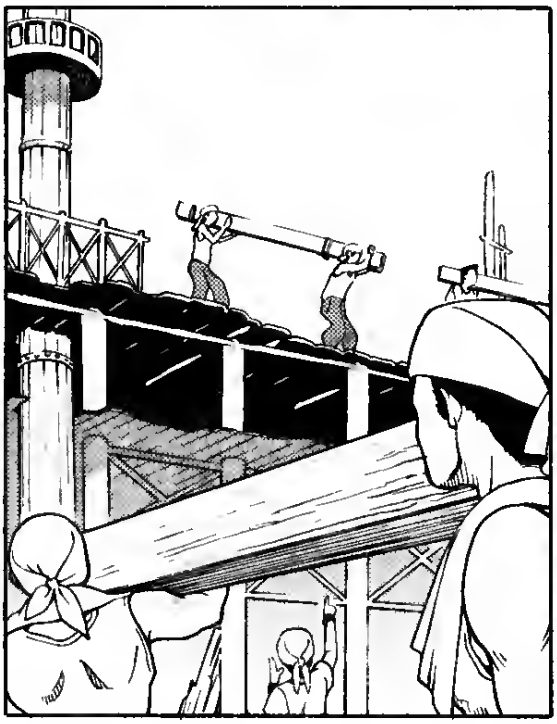
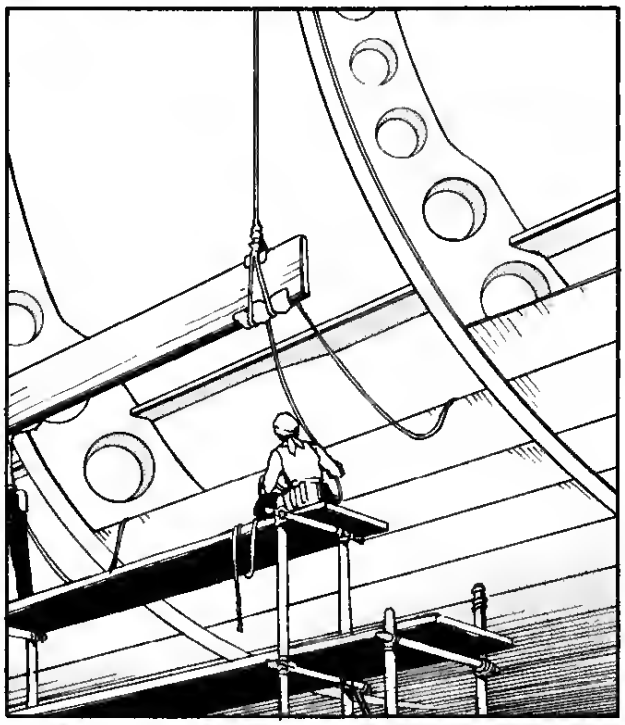
UP HERE IS THE BALLOON DEPOT
HANG IN THERE, LUCILLE
I MEAN... YOU HAVE BEEN HERE BEFORE, RIGHT?
ACTUALLY
I'M A LITTLE UNEASY DEALING WITH HIGH PLACES... THAT TIME WHEN I WAS LOST, I WAS TOO PREOCCUPIED TO NOTICE
YOU'LL BE FINE... IF YOU ONLY LOOK UP
COME NOW ... LET'S BRING THIS FOOD TO EVERYONE
OKAY


WOW
AMAZING... THEY WERE ABLE TO DO SO MUCH ALREADY !! .....!





BROTHER AWIN
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ALREADY COMPLETED THE MAIN BODY OF THE AIRSHIP —!!
EHEHE — I BELIEVE SO
AND WE MADE GOODIES FOR EVERYONE —
I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THAT... IT'LL TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS MORE BEFORE THE EXTERIOR IS COMPLETE
AND WE CAN'T MAKE AN INTERNAL POWER SYSTEM
ARE YOU TWO GONNA COME UP AND CHECK IT OUT ?

ALL THIS IS FOR US !?
THANKS !
I'LL MAKE MORE TOMORROW
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...
REALLY, FOR THE MAINTENANCE CREW TO BE THIS MOTIVATED ...THEY WERE REALLY SERIOUS, I GUESS
I SUPPOSE IF THEY'VE COME THIS FAR, EVEN IF IT'S BETTER TO STOP NOW, I WON'T BE ABLE TO GET THEM TO ACCEPT IT
AN AIRSHIP !?
CERTAINLY, IF YOU HAVE AN AIRSHIP, I THINK THAT WOULD SOLVE VARIOUS PROBLEMS OF THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM, BUT...
RIGHT !? IF YOU THINK SO, TOO, THEN...

THERE AREN'T THAT MANY ENGINEERS AT THE CENTER WHO CAN DESIGN AN AIRSHIP
IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BLUEPRINT, IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE
ACTUALLY ... I DO HAVE A BLUEPRINT !!
I'VE LONGED TO BUILD AN AIRSHIP FOR A LONG TIME... BEING SELF-TAUGHT, I HAVE PLANS I DREW UP AND GATHERED MYSELF
OF COURSE, IT'S JUST THE EXTERIOR, BUT STILL...
IF YOU CAN PRODUCE THE PARTS THAT SUPPLY THE POWER ! ...
YOU'RE LOOKING RATHER GLOOMY
THIS IS UNEXPECTED ... I THOUGHT BOYS LIKED THIS SORT OF THING, BUT...
DO YOU HATE AIRSHIPS ?
... ...
TEAM LEADER, DO YOU THINK WE CAN REALLY COMPLETE AN AIRSHIP ?

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IT WILL BE DIFFICULT ... BUT ...
IN ADDITION TO EXPANDING THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM'S ACTIVITIES, BUILDING AN AIRSHIP IS A LONG-STANDING WISH FOR THE PEOPLE OF CORSEIT
FOR THE SAKE OF REACHING THE UNEXPLORED RUINS
IT'S THE SAME FOR THE CORSEIT BRANCH ! WE, THE BRANCH, WILL SUPPORT EVERYONE WITH ALL OUR POWER
THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND HAVE TREASURED THE UNEXPLORED RUINS AND ITS FRAGMENTS AS SACRED RELICS SINCE LONG AGO... FAITH TOWARDS THE HISTORIC RUINS OF ALL ERAS, CAN BE FOUND IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE REMOTE REGION
I GUESS YOU CAN CALL IT... AN INDIGINOUS BELIEF, PERHAPS
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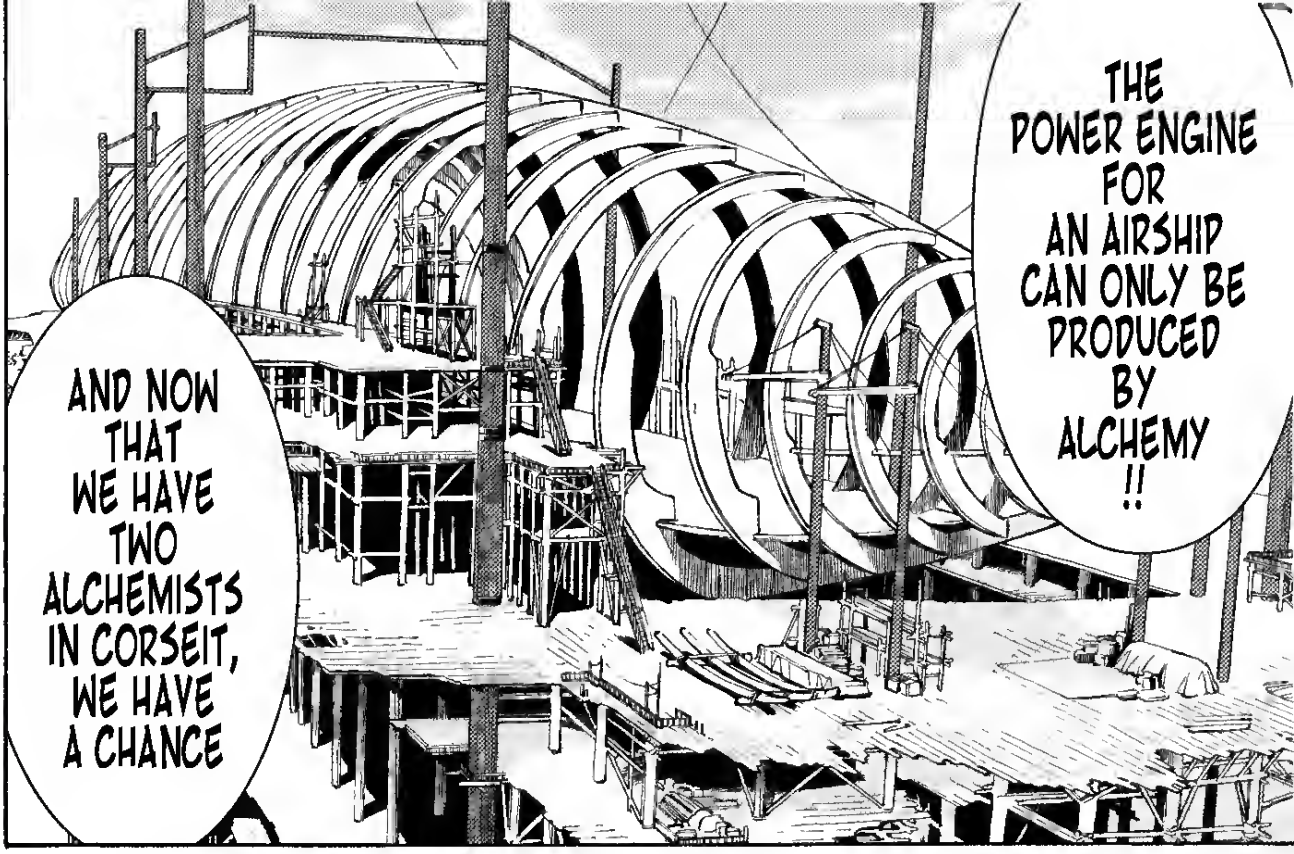
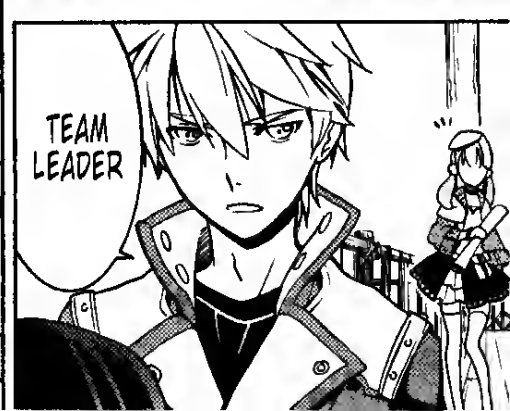
...
...A LONG-STANDING WISH ?

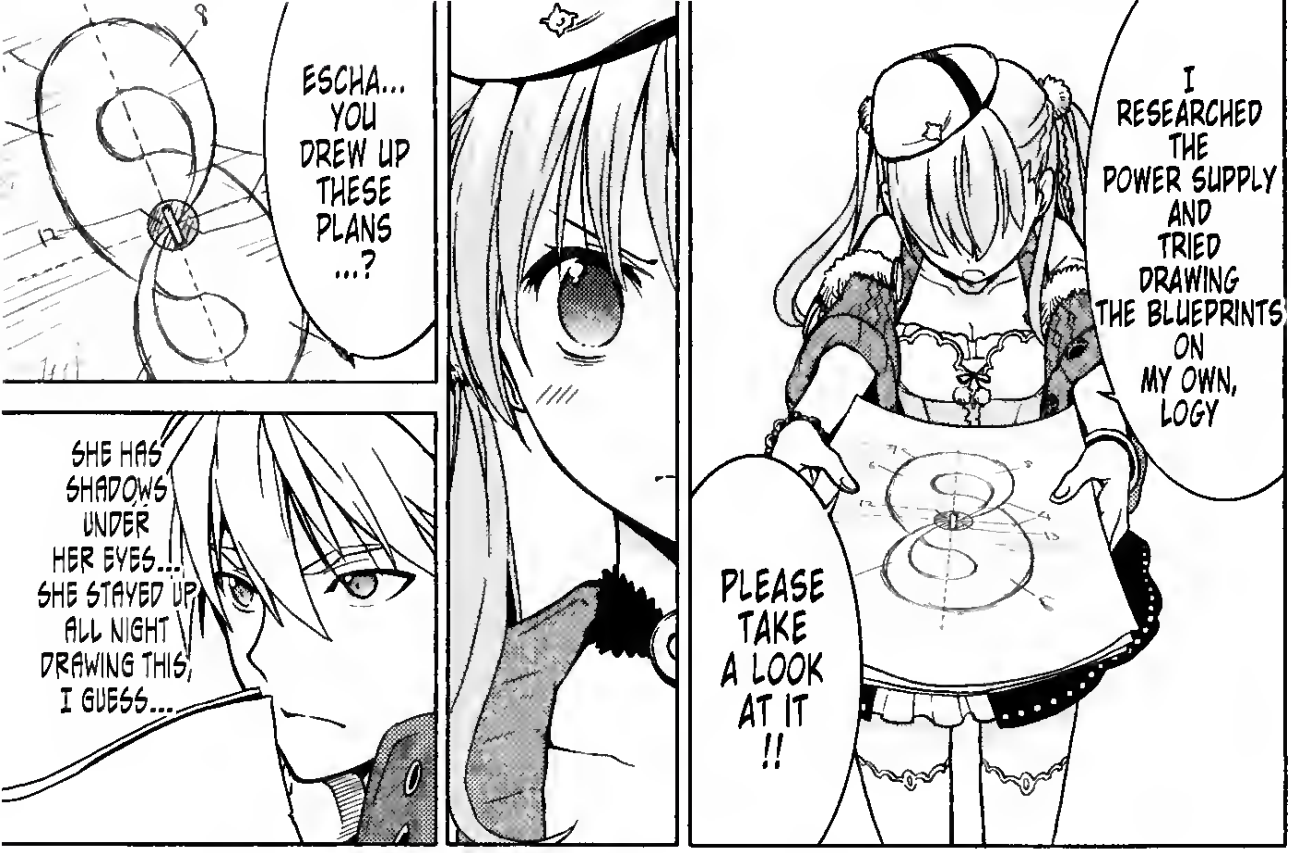

THE POWER ENGINE FOR AN AIRSHIP CAN ONLY BE PRODUCED BY ALCHEMY !!
AND NOW THAT WE HAVE TWO ALCHEMISTS IN CORSEIT, WE HAVE A CHANCE

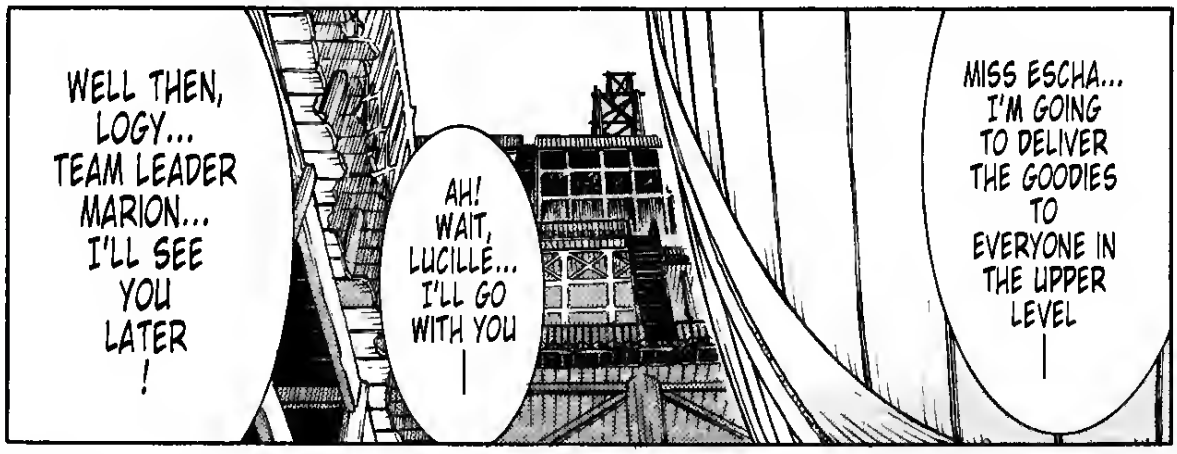
ESCHA ...
A VERY GOOD MORNING TO YOU, LOGY... TEAM LEADER MARION
GOOD MORNING, ESCHA

ACTUALLY, BECAUSE OF THAT THING, THERE'S A LITTLE ...
LOGY !!

LET'S RAISE THE DEVELOPMENT TEAM'S RATING BY MAKING THIS THING SUCCEED !!
OKAY ?

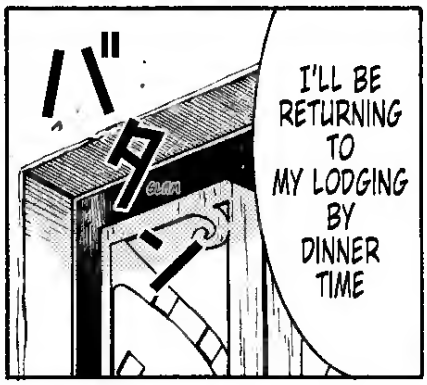

TEAM LEADER

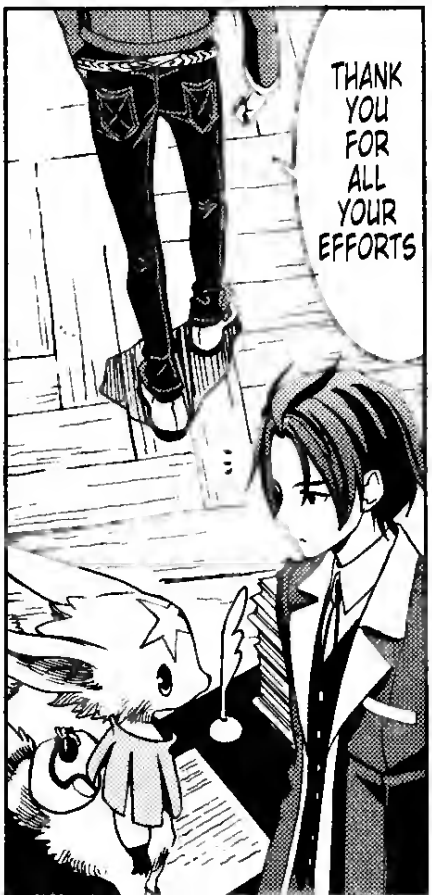

ESCHA... YOU DREW UP THESE PLANS ...?
I RESEARCHED THE POWER SUPPLY AND TRIED DRAWING THE BLUEPRINTS ON MY OWN, LOGY
PLEASE TAKE A LOOK AT IT !!
SHE HAS SHADOWS UNDER HER EYES... SHE STAYED UP ALL NIGHT DRAWING THIS, I GUESS...

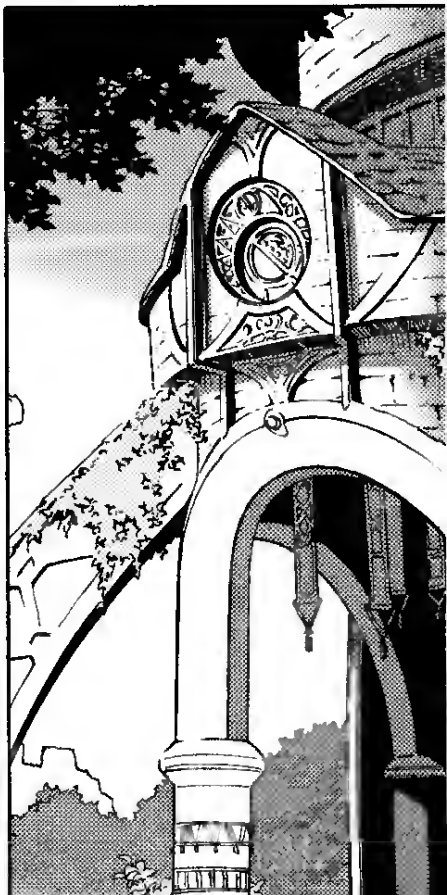

MISS ESCHA... I'M GOING TO DELIVER THE GOODIES TO EVERYONE IN THE UPPER LEVEL
AH! WAIT, LUCILLE... I'LL GO WITH YOU
WELL THEN, LOGY... TEAM LEADER MARION... I'LL SEE YOU LATER !

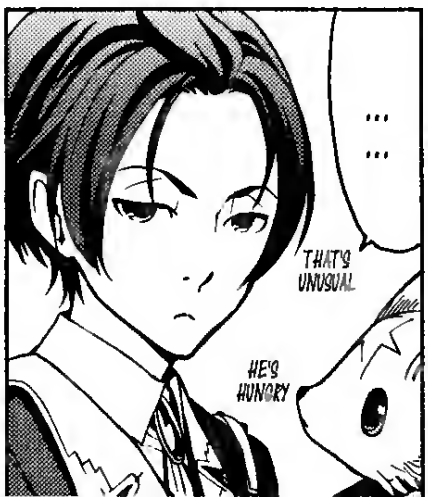
ESCHA, IT SEEMS WE DON'T HAVE ENOUGH ANYMORE !
NO WAY ! WHAT DO WE DO
SHE'S COMPLETELY RECOVERED, HUH

IF I WERE BETTER AT USING ALCHEMY, COULD WE HAVE SAVED THE VILLAGE
LOGY


I'LL BE RETURNING TO MY LODGING BY DINNER TIME


THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR EFFORTS

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THAT'S UNUSUAL
HE'S HUNGRY

CHIEF COLLAND
ARE YOU SURE IT'S OKAY TO ALLOW HIM TO CONTINUE DEVELOPING THE AIRSHIP ?

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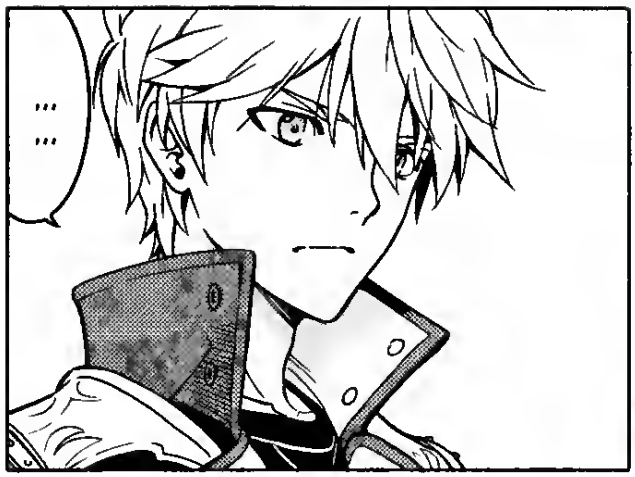
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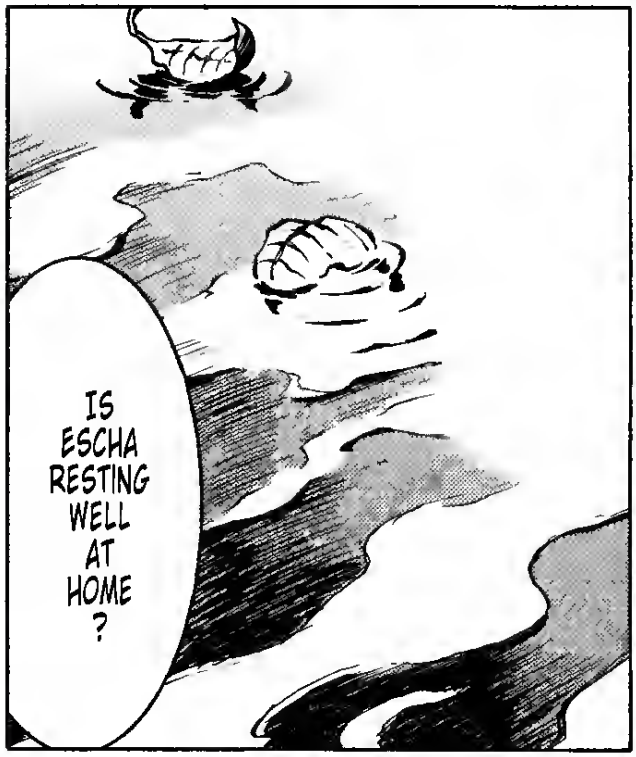
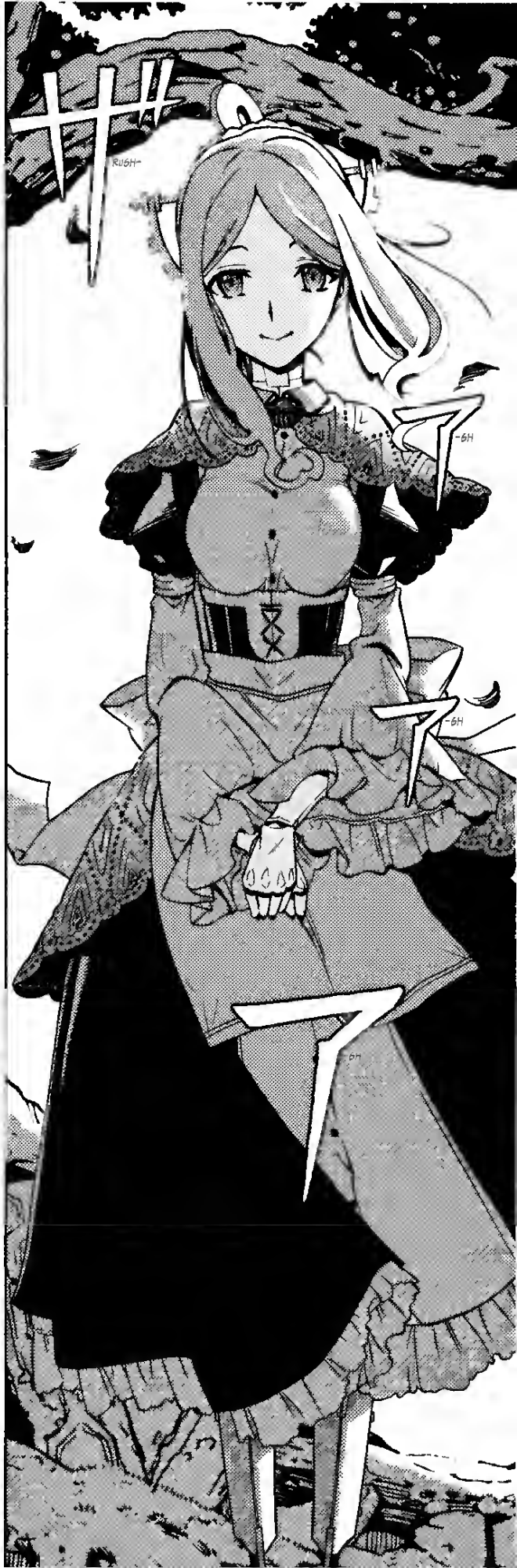

IS ESCHA RESTING WELL AT HOME ?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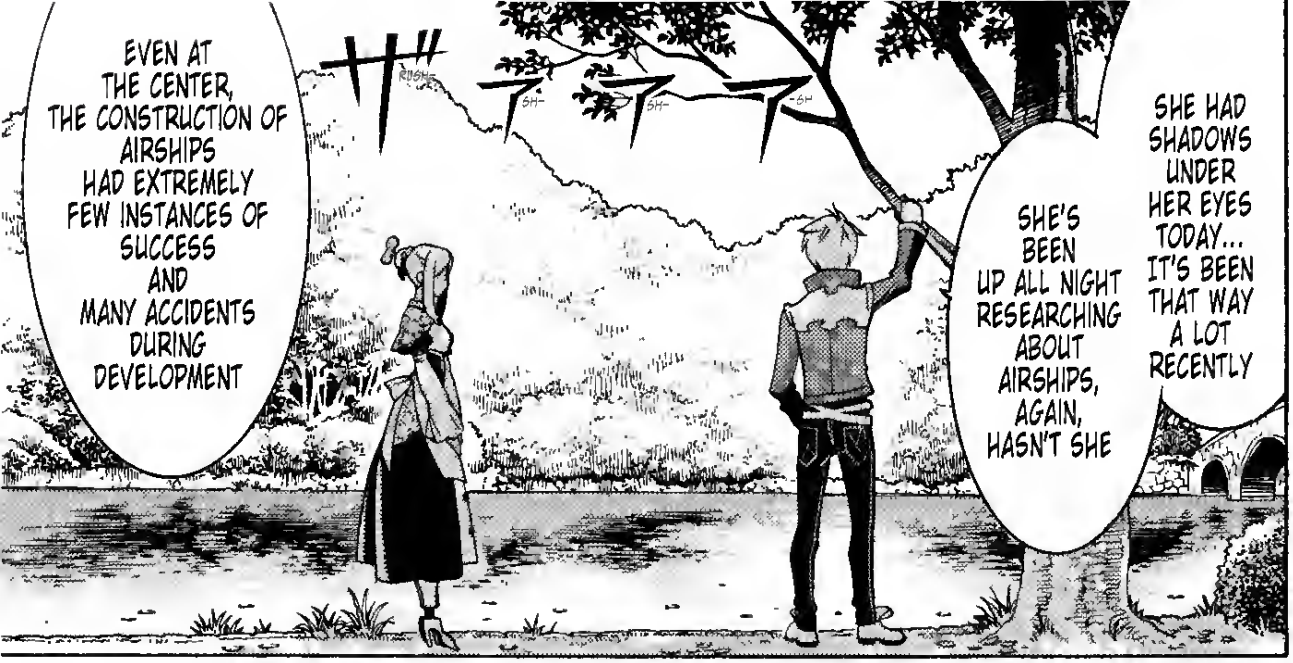
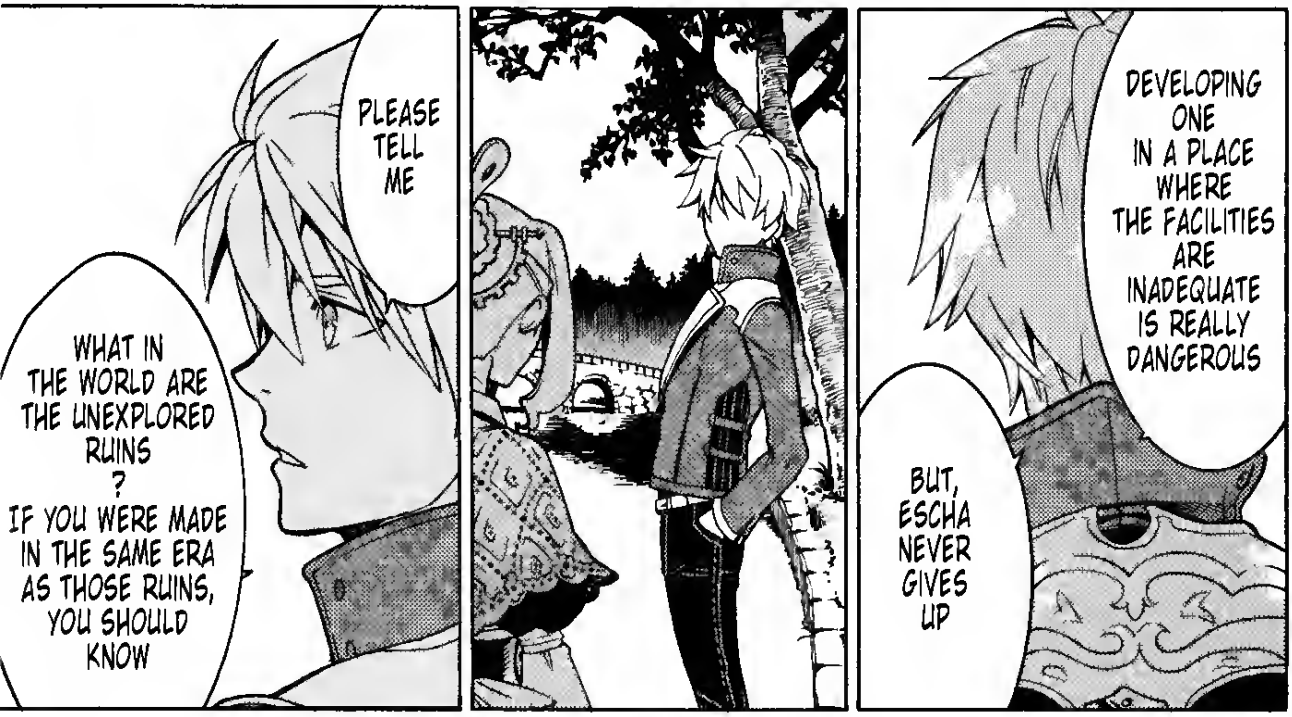

SHE HAD SHADOWS UNDER HER EYES TODAY... IT'S BEEN THAT WAY A LOT RECENTLY
SHE'S BEEN UP ALL NIGHT RESEARCHING ABOUT AIRSHIPS, AGAIN, HASN'T SHE
EVEN AT THE CENTER, THE CONSTRUCTION OF AIRSHIPS HAD EXTREMELY FEW INSTANCES OF SUCCESS AND MANY ACCIDENTS DURING DEVELOPMENT


DEVELOPING ONE IN A PLACE WHERE THE FACILITIES ARE INADEQUATE IS REALLY DANGEROUS
BUT, ESCHA NEVER GIVES UP
PLEASE TELL ME
WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE THE UNEXPLORED RUINS ? IF YOU WERE MADE IN THE SAME ERA AS THOSE RUINS, YOU SHOULD KNOW

... ...
.....A LONG TIME AGO, THE MASTER WHO PRODUCED ME PUT GEARS (LIMITATIONS) IN ME
PRESENTLY, THERE ARE THINGS I'M UNABLE TO TALK ABOUT

THE ONLY THING I CAN TELL YOU IS ABOUT
ESCHA AND HER MOTHER
ESCHA'S MOTHER ...
AND GENERATION AFTER GENERATION OF THE MALIER FAMILY ORIGINALLY KEPT TOOK ROOT IN CORSEIT TO WATCH OVER AND PROTECT THOSE RUINS
ESCHA'S MOTHER WAS THE BEARER OF THE MALIER FAMILY'S ALCHEMY AND KNOWLEDGE
BUT SHE LOST HER LIFE TO A PREVALENT ILLNESS BEFORE SHE COULD PASS ON THAT INFORMATION
YES
ESCHA DOESN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT
TO WATCH OVER ...
AND PROTECT ?

LOGY
I WANT YOU TO BE ESCHA'S GUIDING HAND
AN AUTOMATON CAN'T LIE TO HUMANS
SHE WAS MADE THAT WAY BY HER MASTER
I WILL TELL YOU EVERYTHING WHEN THE TIME COMES

ARE THE UNEXPLORED RUINS HERE DIFFERENT FROM OTHER RUINS OF PREVIOUS ERAS THAT WERE PLACED UNDER THE CENTER'S CONTROL...?
ARE THERE SOME SECRETS IN THOSE RUINS .?
SHINING!
HOW'S THIS, LOGY !?
GLEAMING!
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...IT'S WELL-MADE
I GUESS THIS CAN BE MADE WITH AN ALCHEMY CAULDRON

"AIR" IS A GAS THAT LIGHTENS THE HULL... THIS FILLS THE HULL WITH THAT
OHH
IF WE LEAVE IT ALONE AFTERWARDS, IT WILL COLLECT "AIR" ON ITS OWN
UHM... WHAT IS THIS USED FOR ?
BUT, THE TRULY DIFFICULT PART OF BUILDING AN AIRSHIP COMES AFTER THIS
I DON'T WANT EVERYONE'S HARD WORK TO GO TO WASTE...
LOGY ?
AND SO, THE HUMMINGBIRD PRINCESS STARTED ON A JOURNEY
SEARCHING FOR THE BOOK WHERE EVERYTHING ABOUT THE FAR AWAY SKY WAS WRITTEN ON

WA! ...
READ IT AGAIN, LUCILLE !!
ONE MORE TIME
JUST ONE MORE TIME !!
THE END
SHOULD I SUBMIT THIS LITHOGRAPH TO MY SENIORS ?
I TOTALLY FORGOT ABOUT IT, BUT...
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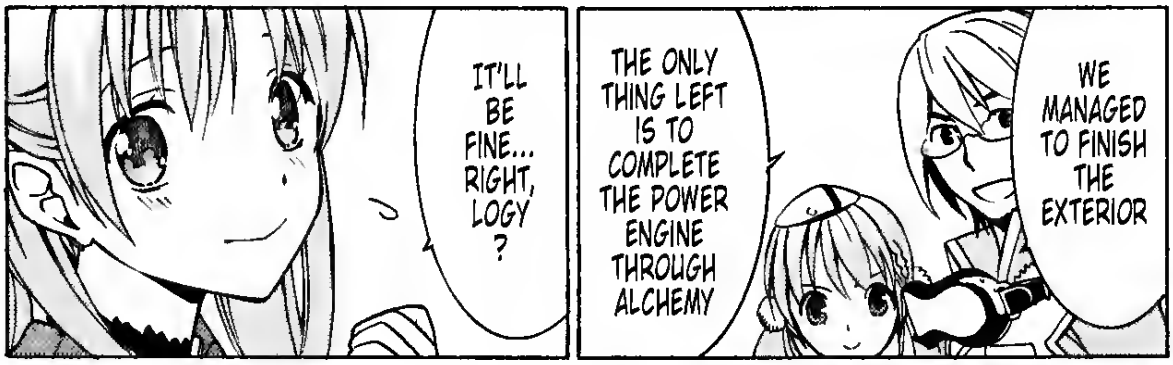
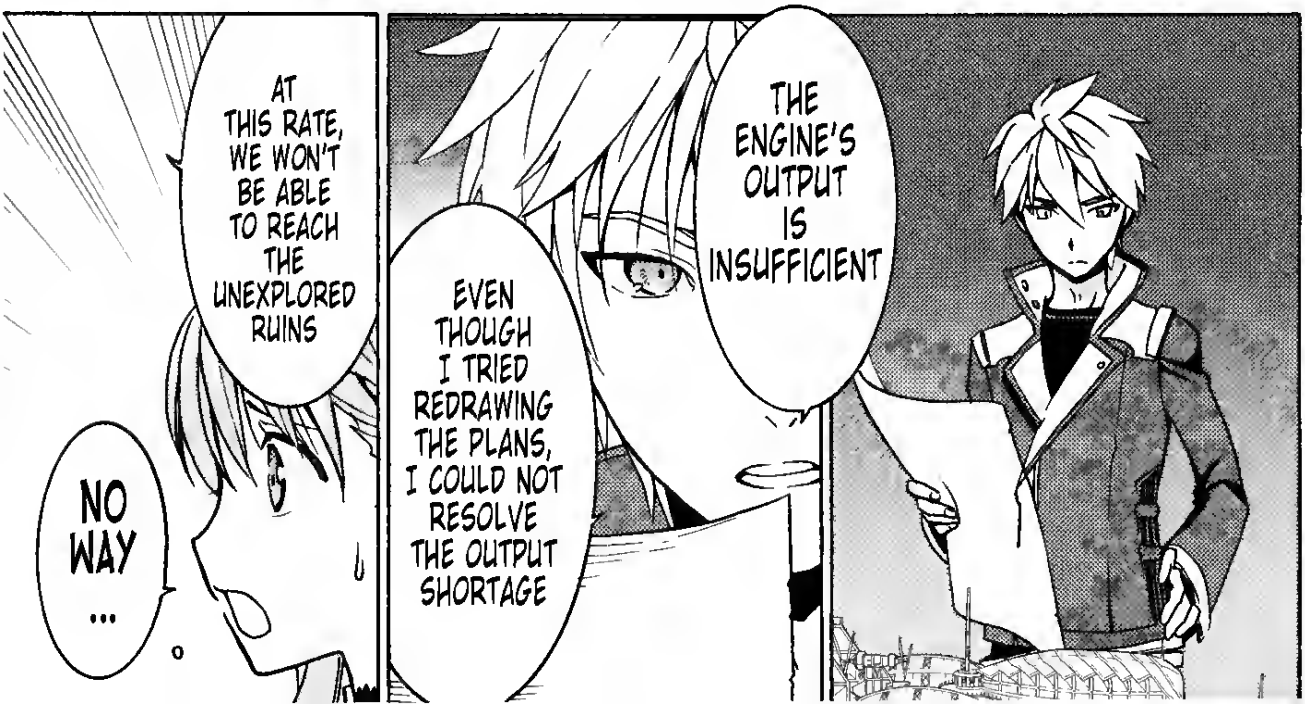
RUSTLE
THIS PICTURE BOOK I BORROWED FROM MISS ESCHA
IS VERY POPULAR WITH THE HOMUNCULI, ISN'T IT
THAT'S 8 TIMES
DID YOU PROCURE THAT LITHO-GRAPH ?
キラーン
GLEAM
WHERE ...
OH, MISS !!
RUSTLE

EVERYONE... YOUR CURRENT STATUS REPORT, PLEASE !!
THE AIRSHIP'S DEVELOPMENT IS GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO ITS FINAL PHASE !!


IT'LL BE FINE... RIGHT, LOGY ?
THE ONLY THING LEFT IS TO COMPLETE THE POWER ENGINE THROUGH ALCHEMY
WE MANAGED TO FINISH THE EXTERIOR


NO WAY ...
AT THIS RATE, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO REACH THE UNEXPLORED RUINS
EVEN THOUGH I TRIED REDRAWING THE PLANS, I COULD NOT RESOLVE THE OUTPUT SHORTAGE
THE ENGINE'S OUTPUT IS INSUFFICIENT

I OBTAINED IT FROM THE CENTER... IT'S A BLUEPRINT OF AN ENGINE FOR THEIR LATEST AIRSHIP
AND THIS IS ...?
IN THAT CASE
IF WE MAKE IT WITH THIS BLUEPRINT, IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM, WOULD IT ?
SLIP!
I FIGURED THEY HAD SOMETHING LIKE THIS
SURELY, THE AIRSHIP CAN FLY WITH THIS
IT'S FROM THE CENTER !?
THE AIRSHIP CAN'T FLY... ...
WITH THE ENGINE IN THIS BLUEPRINT
DON'T SURPRISE ME LIKE THAT, WILL YOU ...
HOTTO
RELIEVED!
THEN... IF WE CAN COMPLETE THIS ENGINE

THIS BLUEPRINT IS ... ...
... ...
LOGY ...?
THAT IS THE BLUEPRINT FOR THE ENGINE OF AN AIRSHIP THAT YOU DESIGNED BEFORE, IS IT NOT ?
IF YOU ARE INDEED THAT PERSON, YOU SHOULD KNOW THE DANGER IT POSES WELL ENOUGH
PARDON ME, BUT... HE WAS CHIEF ENGINEER AND DEVELOPER OF THE NEW AIRSHIP AT THE CENTER BEFORE COMING HERE
AN INSPECTION OFFICER FROM THE CENTER, ARE YOU ...
IF THAT'S THE CASE, YOU HAVE ALREADY INVESTIGATED THE ACCIDENT, HAVEN'T YOU?

DURING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW AIRSHIP
...THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT?
EVEN IF YOU SAY THERE WAS AN ACCIDENT, IT WASN'T SERIOUS, WAS IT? EVEN I MAKE MISTAKES WHEN MIXING THINGS, AND...
NO...
#"!
GRIT!
THIS ENGINE WAS...
A NEW MODEL ENGINE I HAD DEVELOPED... AND BEFORE I COULD PERFECT IT, IT WENT OUT OF CONTROL
IT CAUSED A SERIOUS ACCIDENT, COMPLETELY BURNING DOWN THE TEST AIRSHIP, AND KILLING A GREAT NUMBER OF PEOPLE, INCLUDING THE PILOT...!!

LOGY
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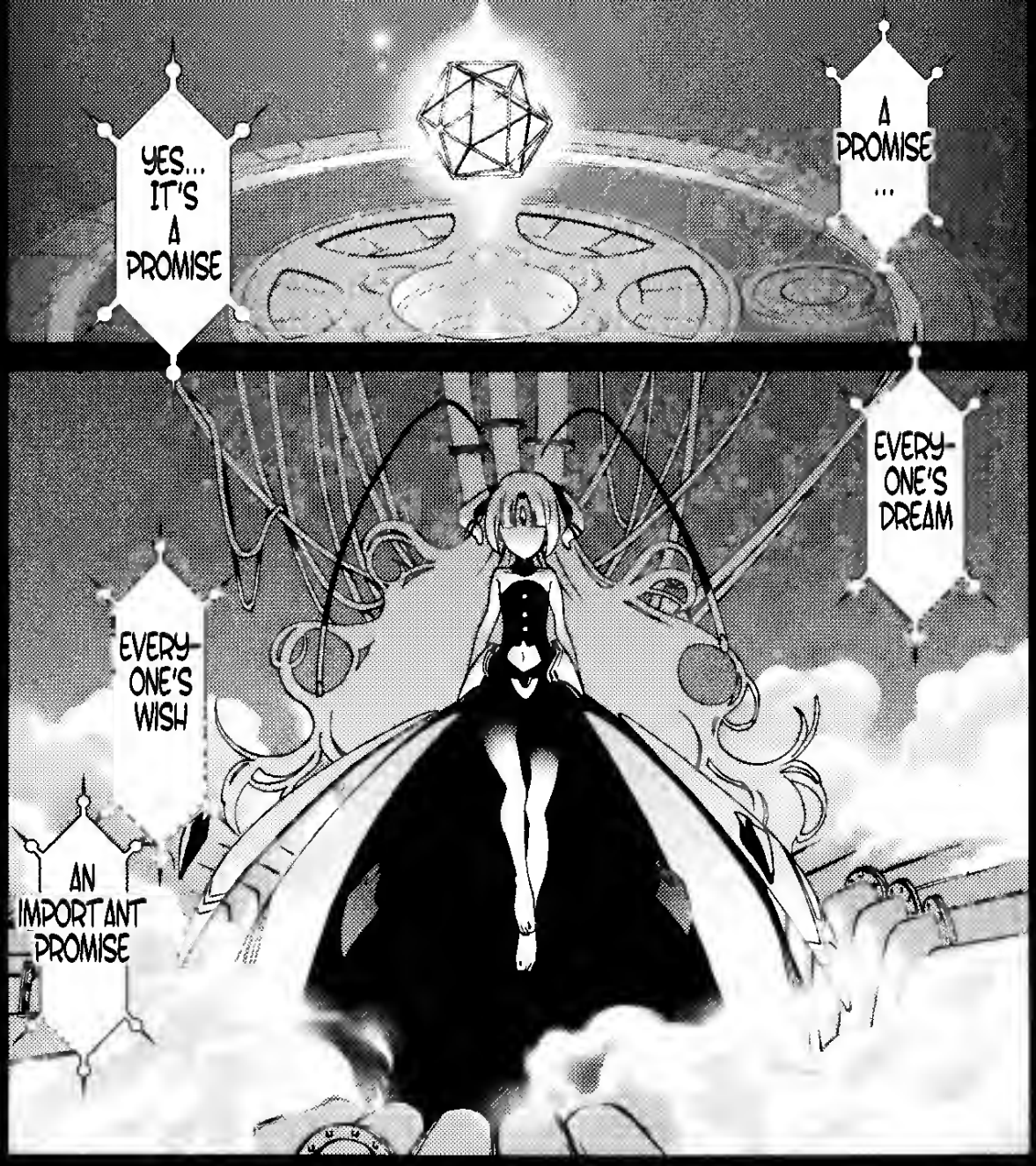

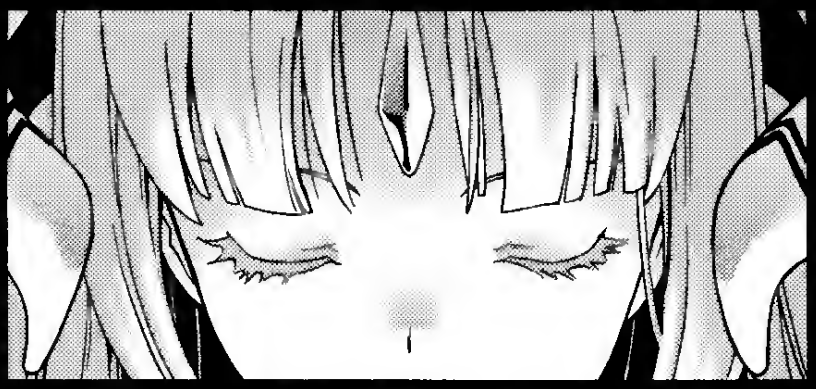

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